

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A tubular metal fitting insertable into a wall receivable by an opening and expandable into the opening to connect it to the wall in a work piece, comprising:

a ring portion having an outer circumference and an inner circumference, the outer circumference being closely receivable by the opening in the work piece; that is snugly fittable within the wall opening, said ring portion having an inner diameter that is separated from the outer diameter by a radius dimension;

an elongated end portion at least a first coupling member having at least a minimum inner circumference, an outer envelope, and an end section, the coupling member projecting extending axially outwardly from said the ring portion;

said end portion having an the minimum inner diameter/circumference that is being larger than the inner diameter/circumference of the ring portion, the outer envelope sized to be moved through the opening in the work piece, and an outer end that is spaced axially outwardly from the ring portion the end section configured to be engageable with another device; and

said the ring portion being constructed from a metal that is radially expandable radially while the ring portion is in the opening in the wall, by an amount where the amount of expansion is sufficient to create establish a tight secure interference fit between the outer diameter/circumference of the ring portion and the opening in the wall that is suffieient to connect the tubular fitting to the wall work piece.

2. (Currently Amended) The tubular metal fitting of claim 1; wherein the ring portion includes a first end having an outer diameter sized to allow it to be inserted into the opening in the wall, and an opposite second end, said tubular fitting including a radial flange at said second end that is larger in diameter than the opening in the wall, said radial flange being

~~positionable-located~~ adjacent to the wall-work piece when the outer ~~diameter-circumference~~ of the ring portion is within the opening in the ~~wall~~work piece.

3. (Currently Amended) The tubular ~~metal-fitting~~ of claim 1, comprising a radially ~~outwardly~~-opening girth groove located ~~in-near~~ the end ~~portion-section~~ of the ~~tubular fitting, spaced axially outwardly from the ring portion of the tubular fitting~~coupling member.

4. (Currently Amended) The tubular ~~metal-fitting~~ of claim 1, comprising a second, ~~opposite end portion~~ coupling member projecting axially ~~outwardly~~ from the ring portion ~~opposite from the first end portion and loaded on an opposing side of the work piece from the first coupling member~~.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently Amended) The tubular ~~metal-fitting~~ of claim 4, wherein each ~~end portion coupling member~~ has a radially ~~outwardly~~-opening girth groove ~~spaced axially outwardly from the ring portion of the tubular fitting~~.

7.-15. (Canceled)

16. (New) A fitting for securely routing a conduit through an opening in a work piece, the fitting comprising:

a ring portion having an outer circumference and an inner circumference, the outer circumference being closely receivable by the opening in the work piece, the inner circumference sized to receive the section of the conduit, the ring portion being radially expandable where the amount of expansion is sufficient to establish a secure interference fit between the outer circumference of the ring portion and the opening in the work piece; and

at least one coupling member having at least a minimum inner circumference, an outer envelope, and an end section, the coupling member extending axially from the ring portion, the minimum inner circumference being larger than the inner circumference of the ring portion,

the outer envelope sized to be moved through the opening in the work piece, and the end section is configured to couple with at least one other device.

17. (New) The fitting according to claim 16 wherein the one other device is a cap coupled with the end section of the coupling member.

18. (New) The fitting according to claim 16 wherein the one other device is a piece of conduit coupled with the end section of the coupling member.

19. (New) A fitting assembly for bridging an opening in a work piece, the assembly comprising:

an insert having an outer diameter sized to be closely received in the opening in the work piece, the insert having an inner passage to provide fluid communication through the insert and thus, through the opening in the work piece; the insert being sufficiently malleable to be radially and plastically expanded to form an interference fit with the work piece; and

at least one coupling member having a first end, a second end, and an inner passage providing fluid communication with the insert, the coupling member extending axially from the insert, the first end of the coupling member positioned proximate to the insert, the second end of the coupling member operable to be coupled with at least one piece of conduit.

20. (New) A method for routing a conduit through an opening in a work piece, the method comprising:

inserting a first portion of a fitting into the opening in the work piece, the first portion of the fitting having an outer envelope sufficiently sized to be received by the opening, the fitting further having a ring portion positioned in the opening of the work piece, the ring portion connected with the first portion where the first portion extends axially from the ring portion, the ring portion having an outer circumference sized to fit tightly within the opening of the work piece;

inserting a mandrel through the fitting located in the work piece, the ring portion of the fitting having an inner circumference sized to be radially expandable by an increased

circumference section of the mandrel, the first portion of the fitting having an inner circumference sized to be slightly larger than the increased circumference section of the mandrel; and

expanding the ring portion of the fitting in an outwardly radial direction as the mandrel is forced through the inner circumference of the ring portion.

21. (New) The method of claim 20, further comprising:

cold working the material in the work piece adjacently located to the outer circumference of the ring portion of the fitting.

22. (New) The method according to claim 20, further comprising:

coupling a second device with the first portion of the fitting, the second device affixed to the conduit such that the conduit is routed through the secured fitting when the second device is attached.